AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

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Returning to the block diagram of FIG. 2 3, a flow quality management engine 157 is provided within the multi-media router 118. The flow quality management engine 157 provided translation services within the multi-media router 118, quality measurement services, and detection and correction of upstream and downstream failures, each of which is discussed in detail hereinbelow.

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Specifically, RTP data packets flow from the RTP data source 202 to the first multi-media router 212, to the second multi-media router 214, to the destination 22, and ~~visa-versa~~ _vice-versa_. The first multi-media router 212 re-transmits packets from the RTP data source 202 to the second multi-media router 214, and the second multi-media router 214 re-transmits RTP data packets from destination 222 to the first multi-media router 212. Note that in FIG. 4 the three RTP data flows are represented by arrows (wherein the reverse flows are not shown, but are implied). Also note that the second multi-media router 214 performs the flow interruption detection using the flow guard timers mentioned hereinabove. If all three flows are interrupted at the same time, there is a very good chance that first multi-media router 212, or a shared link between the first and second multi-media routers 212, 214, is no longer working. Thus, the second multi-media router 214 may make a decision as to where to send the RTP data packets going in the reverse direction. The second multi-media router 214 can alternatively forward packets to the third multi-media router 216 for forwarding to the RTP data source 202.